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Dear Sir:

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We, Gerard Vahee, David M. Harris, and Jan Heisterberg-  
 Andersen declare that we are joint inventors of the subject  
 matter which is claimed in our U.S. Patent Application Serial  
 No. 09/660,852, which was filed in the United States Patent and  
 Trademark Office on September 13, 2000.

We further declare that the inventions disclosed and  
 claimed in said application 09/660,852 were conceived by us in  
 WTO countries France, Great Britain, and Denmark, and were  
 reduced to practice in said WTO countries by us and/or under our  
 direction and/or supervision prior to January 21, 2000, the  
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We further declare that the above is evidenced by the following Exhibit, a true copy of which is included herewith, of which dates have been removed:

1. Exhibit A - IBM invention disclosure SMS819990016, which formed the basis for the present Application Serial No. 09/660,852. This disclosure describes the worldwide project management method of the present invention, and was prepared and submitted by the joint inventors of Serial No. 09/660,852 prior to the above effective date (January 21, 2000) for the cited patent.

We further declare that all statements made in this declaration of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; with knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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